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| **Sandy Soil** | **Clay Soil** | **Loam Soil** |
| 100% sand | 15% sand | 40% sand |
| 0% silt | 15% silt | 20% silt |
| 0% clay | 70% clay | 40% clay |
| High mineral content | High mineral content | Medium mineral content |
| Low organic matter | Low organic matter | Medium organic matter |
| Very good permeability | Poor permeability | Good permeability |
| Large poor spaces | Small poor spaces | Medium poor spaces |
| Low water holding | Very high water holding | Medium water holding |
| Few plants and animals | Few plants and animals | Lots of plants and animals |
| Low PP | Very low PP | High PP |